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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64436

Ludovic FLEURY, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/852,651

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 5236

Examiner: Eric J. HUG

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For:

METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER WITH CONTROLLED

TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of April 22, 2004 to August 23, 2004 (August 22, 2004 falling on a Sunday).

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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